

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of the Interior	2018
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council	122

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	09/07/2016	08/31/2018	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No	43 U.S.C. 1594	

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
43 U.S.C. 1594	06/24/1974	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

**16b. Report Date** Report Title

12/31/2017 Annual Report on the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

**17a. Open** 2 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 2

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss the accomplishments of Federal agencies and make recommendations on future activities to control salinity.	10/25/2017	10/25/2017
To discuss and take appropriate actions regarding the following: (1) the Basin States Program created by Public Law 110-246, which amended the Act; (2) responses to the Advisory Council Report; and (3) other items within the jurisdiction of the Council.	05/16/2018	05/17/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed:** 2

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$7,200.00	\$5,760.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$2,741.00	\$4,000.00

<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$21,210.00	\$21,600.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$31,151.00	\$31,360.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.05	0.05

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

At its fall meeting, the Council discussed the accomplishments of Federal agencies and made recommendations on future activities to control salinity. The Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency each presented a progress report and a schedule of activities on salinity control in the Colorado River Basin. In its Spring meeting the Council discussed: (1) taking appropriate actions regarding the Basin States Program; (2) responses to the Advisory Council Report; and (3) other items within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Council made program recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Report specifically recommends funding levels for the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Council also independently determined what Federal actions are needed to be consistent with the Plan of Implementation contained in the review of the Water Quality Standards in compliance with the Clean Water Act. Each agency made significant efforts, within budgetary constraints, to fund projects as recommended and to resolve conflicts and take other recommended actions. The Council also reviewed the cost sharing allocations between the Basin States and recommended any needed adjustments. These recommendations are captured in an annual report.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership is balanced in that the Council is made up of no more than three members from each of the seven Colorado River Basin States appointed by the respective Governors. Members are normally representatives from the State water resources planning agency and the agency charged with water quality control in each State. These offices are those charged with maintaining salinity standards and administering pollution control activities within the State.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Council meets approximately twice a year, and at such other times as designated by the DFO. The spring meeting allows the Council to respond to the responses received from the Federal agencies regarding the recommendations made by the Council in its Annual Report. The Federal agencies provide a mid-year report to the Council on their

salinity control activities. The fall meeting is held after the end of the fiscal year and the Council receives reports from the Federal agencies on their salinity control accomplishments during the year. The Council makes recommendations to the Federal agencies on how to improve salinity control activities in the new year. There recommendations are memorialized in the Council's Annual Report.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Council serves as a mechanism by which the representatives of the States can discuss the salinity problem among themselves and with the Federal agencies. These discussions are valuable in arriving at a common view of the problem and creating a coordinated effort toward solving that problem. Consideration was not given to fulfilling the Council's responsibilities through another existing committee nor by the Bureau of Reclamation because legislative language precluded such considerations. It would be difficult for the Federal agencies to gain this input from the separate views of each State. The Council, through its semiannual meetings, provides a unique opportunity for private citizens to discuss their concern, criticisms, and questions regarding the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

Up to three members from each of the seven Basin States (Arizona, Colorado, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming) are appointed to the Council by the Governors of each State. Members serve at the discretion of the Governors of the state that appointed them. At the end of each calendar year the Council prepares an Annual Report for that year and provides it to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, usually by February or March. The 2018 Annual Report will be prepared at the end of calendar year 2018. Until the Annual Report is completed, the recommendations from 2018 are not final.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Kib Jacobson Program Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blaine, Tom	05/15/2015	05/15/2020	State Engineer	Representative Member
Chandler, Clint	10/12/2016	10/12/2021	Arizona Department of Water Resources	Representative Member
Entsminger, John	04/18/2011	04/18/2018	Southern Nevada Water Authority	Representative Member

Espenscheid, Chad	12/11/2015	12/11/2020	Rancher	Representative Member
Harkins, Jayne	02/12/2014	02/12/2020	Executive Director, Colorado River Commission of NV	Representative Member
Harris, James	02/09/2018	02/09/2023	Assistant Director, Utah Division of Water Quality	Representative Member
Hasencamp, William	04/29/2014	04/29/2020	Manager, Colorado River Resources, MWD of Southern CA	Representative Member
Howard, Thomas	05/08/2013	05/08/2020	Executive Board, State Water Resources Control Board	Representative Member
King, Jason	10/24/2006	10/24/2017	Nevada Division of Water Resources	Representative Member
Millis, Eric	12/01/2013	12/01/2020	Director, Utah Division of Water Resources	Representative Member
Mitchell, Rebecca	08/31/2017	08/31/2022	Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board	Representative Member
Osterberg, Krista	10/12/2016	10/12/2021	ADEQ Water Quality Division	Representative Member
Pfaltzgraff, Patrick	02/04/2015	02/04/2020	Director, Water Quality Control Division	Representative Member
Robbins, David	03/11/2008	03/11/2019	Attorney	Representative Member
Snow, Gawain	03/30/2012	11/02/2017	General Manager, Uintah Water Conservancy District	Representative Member
Ticknor, Suzanne	10/12/2016	10/12/2021	Director of Water Policy, Central Arizona Project	Representative Member
Tyrrell, Patrick	02/12/2001	02/12/2020	State Engineer	Representative Member
Waterstreet, David	02/19/2014	02/19/2020	Wyoming DEQ-WQD	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 18**

## Narrative Description

The Council makes program recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency through its Annual Report. The Annual Report specifically recommends funding levels for the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Council also independently determines what Federal actions are needed to be consistent with the Plan of Implementation contained in the review of the Water Quality Standards in compliance with the Clean Water Act. The Council also reviews the cost sharing allocations between the Basin States and recommends any needed adjustments. These recommendations are captured in the Annual Report.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

The Council with its members from a variety of disciplines provides valuable guidance to the Federal agencies in meeting the goals of the salinity control program as established by the Salinity Control Act

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

615

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Council has been in existence since the mid 1970s, approximately 44 years. The total number of separate and distinct recommendations made are unknown, but estimated to be 15 each year to the Federal agencies with direct responsibility for salinity control in the Colorado River: Reclamation, BLM, and NRCS; and to the supporting Federal agencies: FWS, EPA, USGS.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

**will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

75%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The number of separate and distinct recommendations fully implemented is not known, but the Federal agencies are usually responsive to recommendations by the Council.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

25%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Some recommendations will take a long time before fully implemented. The Council has been recommending higher levels of funding for years. The levels recommended will probably not happen in the present budget climate.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Each of the Federal agencies sends a letter to the Council in response to the recommendations made by the Council in the Annual Report. The Federal agencies respond that they have completed the recommendation, how they will complete it, or why they cannot comply with the recommendation.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A